

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A method of producing a vehicle upholstery member having an air bag door equipped with a fabricated skin, comprising the following steps (A) to (C) in order:

(A) substantially flatly mounting the skin on a support base;

(B) forming a break-scheduled line that is not so deep as to reach a front ~~the~~ surface of the skin with a cutting blade; and

(C) measuring a the depth of the break-scheduled line or a the thickness of a the remaining portion of the skin where the break-scheduled line is formed with an the incision of the break-scheduled line opened, wherein a protrusion arranged in the support base is moved up to a given height and pressed upward against the skin to thereby open the incision of the break-scheduled line.

8. (Currently amended) The method of producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 7, wherein the skin is aspirated from the front ~~back~~ surface side and fixed on the support base.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 7, wherein, at the step (B), the break-scheduled line is formed while detecting an the altitude of an edge of the cutting blade from a surface of the support base.

11. (Currently amended) The method of producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 7, further comprising the step of detecting a the

state of a damage of the cutting blade prior to the step (B).

12. (Currently amended) The method of producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 7, wherein, at the step (C), the depth of the break-scheduled line or the thickness of the remaining portion of the skin where the break-scheduled line is formed is measured with an optical film thickness measurement device.

13. (Currently amended) A method of producing a vehicle upholstery member having an air bag door equipped with a fabricated skin, comprising the following steps (a) to (c):

(a) partially or entirely bending the skin with its back surface convexed, wherein the skin is mounted on a substrate and pressed with a protrusion arranged in the substrate for bending the skin with its back surface convexed and the protrusion is moved up and pressed upward against the skin;

(b) forming a break-scheduled line that is not so deep as to reach a front ~~the~~ surface of the skin with a cutting blade; and

(c) measuring a the depth of the break-scheduled line or a the thickness of a the remaining portion of the skin where the break-scheduled line is formed with an the incision of the break-scheduled line opened.

Claims 14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A device for producing a vehicle upholstery member having an air bag door equipped with a fabricated skin, comprising:

a support base for substantially flatly mounting the skin thereon equipped with a protrusion for upward pressing the skin;

a cutting blade for forming a break-scheduled line in the skin; and

measuring means for measuring a the depth of the break-scheduled line or a the thickness of a the remaining portion of the skin where the break-scheduled line is formed,

wherein the protrusion is moved up to a given height and pressed upward against the skin, and

wherein the measuring means is used to measure the depth of the break-scheduled line or the thickness of the remaining portion of the skin where the break-scheduled line is formed, with an ~~the~~ incision of the break-scheduled line opened.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The device for producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 16, wherein the protrusion is constructed of one or more linear objects or curved objects ~~object(s) and a linear object or a curved object~~ vertically or diagonally intersecting the one or more linear object(s).

19. (Currently amended) The device for producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 16, further comprising position-detecting means for detecting an ~~the~~ altitude of an edge of the cutting blade from a surface of the support base.

20. (Currently amended) The device for producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 16, further comprising state-detecting means for detecting a ~~the~~ state of the damage of the cutting blade.

21. (Previously presented) The device for producing the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door according to claim 16, wherein the support base is provided with a suction portion for fixing the skin therein.

Claims 22-23: (Canceled)